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Entity Served: KNIGHT-SWIFT TRANSPORTATION HOLDINGS INC. (Domestic State: DELAWARE)

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1. **Title of Action:** Jeffrey C. Gehrmann, etc., Pltf. vs. KNIGHT-SWIFT TRANSPORTATION HOLDINGS INC., etc., et al., Dfts.
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Case # 202067607
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KEVIN STOCK
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NO: 20-2-06760-7**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON
IN AND FOR PIERCE COUNTY**JEFFREY C GEHRMANN
Plaintiff(s)

vs.

KNIGHT-SWIFT TRANSPORTATION HOLDINGS INC F/K/
A S
Defendant(s)

NO. 20-2-06760-7

**ORDER ASSIGNING CASE TO JUDICIAL
DEPARTMENT AND SETTING REVIEW
HEARING DATE(PCLR3/PCLR40)**Judge: Jerry Costello
Department: 07
Docket Code: ORACD**Notice to Plaintiff/Petitioner(s):**

- * Case filed, then served: Plaintiff(s)/Petitioner(s) shall serve a copy of this Order Assigning Case to Judicial Department on the Defendant(s)/Respondent(s) along with a copy of the Summons and Complaint.
- * Case served, then filed: Plaintiff(s)/Petitioner(s) shall serve a copy of this Order Assigning Case to Judicial Department within five (5) court days of filing.
- * Service by publication pursuant to court order: Plaintiff(s)/Petitioner(s) shall serve a copy of this Order Assigning Case to Judicial Department within five (5) court days of the Defendant(s)/Respondent(s) first response or appearance.

Trial Date:

A trial date may be obtained by filing a 'Note of Issue' for assignment of a trial date by noon at least seven (7) court days prior to the date fixed for the mandatory hearing date set out below.


If a trial date is NOT obtained, failure to appear on the date below may result in dismissal of the case by the Court. Further, if the case has been fully resolved and all final papers have been entered by the Court, no appearance is required.

Mandatory Hearing Date: October 30, 2020 at 9:00 AM

At the time of this mandatory hearing, the Court may provide you with a Case Schedule which may include the trial date, if necessary. Failure to appear on this date may result in dismissal of the case by the Court.

Cases Agreed or by Default:

If you settle your case by entry of an order of default or agreement and all of the appropriate time requirements have been met, you may file a 'Note for Commissioner's Calendar to appear before a Court Commissioner for entry of all final papers unless presentation is allowed in the Commissioner's Ex Parte Department.

July 6, 2020
Date
Jerry Costello
Department 07

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF PIERCE

JEFFREY C. GEHRMANN, married man,

Plaintiff,

NO.

vs.

KNIGHT-SWIFT TRANSPORTATION
HOLDINGS INC. f/k/a SWIFT
TRANSPORTATION CO. LLC, a foreign
corporation or limited liability company,
CR ENGLAND INC., a foreign corporation,
MOHAVE INSURANCE CENTER INC., a
foreign corporation, and INTERSTATE
EQUIPMENT LEASING INC., a foreign
corporation,

Defendants.

COMPLAINT FOR BREACH OF
CONTRACT, TORTIOUS DAMAGE
TO PROPERTY, BREACH OF
FIDUCIARY RELATIONSHIP, AND
VIOLATION OF DUTIES OF GOOD
FAITH AND FAIR DEALING

COMES NOW the Plaintiff and alleges as follows:

I.
PARTIES

1.1 Plaintiff Jeffrey C. Gehrmann is a married man residing in the State of Washington.

1.2 Defendant Knight-Swift Transportation Holdings Inc. (Knight-Swift) is a foreign corporation, a portion of which formerly did business as Swift Transportation Co. LLC or Swift Transportation Co. Inc. (Swift). Swift became part of Knight-Swift in September of

1 2017. Swift and Knight-Swift are engaged in the trucking and transportation business. The
2 actions complained of in this complaint occurred both before and after the merger.

3 1.3 Defendant CR England Inc. (England) is a foreign corporation engaged in the
4 trucking and transportation business.

5 1.4 Defendant Mohave Insurance Center Inc. (Mohave) is in the business of
6 providing insurance in the trucking industry. Upon information and belief, Mohave is
7 associated with, or owned by, or contractually connected with Swift.
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9 1.5 Interstate Equipment Leasing Inc. (Interstate) is a commercial leasing company
10 engaged in the business of leasing trucks. Upon information and belief, they have a contractual
11 relationship with Swift whereby persons in Plaintiff's position who wished to purchase a truck
12 from Swift would be directed to enter the contractual relationship with Interstate, rather than
13 Swift.
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15 II.
JURISDICTION AND VENUE

16 2.1 Plaintiff Jeffrey C. Gehrmann resides in Pierce County, State of Washington.
17 Plaintiff entered into contracts with Swift, Mohave and Interstate in Washington.

18 2.2 All corporate Defendants do business in the State of Washington by entering
19 into contracts in the state.
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21 2.3 Jurisdiction and venue are proper under RCW 4.12.025 and RCW 4.28.185.

22 III.
FACTUAL BACKGROUND

23 3.1 Prior to July 9, 2017, Plaintiff was employed by or was contracted to Defendant
24 Swift. He had been so employed or contracted for approximately 5 years prior to July, 2017.
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1 He was employed or contracted with as an owner-operator of a truck.

2 3.2 At all times relative to this claim, Plaintiff was insured by Defendant Mohave.
3 Upon information and belief, Mojave and Swift had a relationship where those individuals
4 wishing to do business with Swift as owner operators and purchase a truck through Swift and
5 Interstate are directed to Mohave for their truck insurance.
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7 3.3 In approximately 2012 or 2013, Plaintiff wished to purchase a new truck. Since
8 he was driving for Swift, he was encouraged to, and ultimately convinced to purchase the 2012
9 Kenworth through Swift. Swift thereafter arranged for the financing of the purchase and sale
10 contract to be arranged through Defendant Interstate.

11 3.4 On July 9, 2017, while Plaintiff's truck was parked at a truck stop in Foristell,
12 Missouri, an employee of Defendant England, who was driving an England truck, collided with
13 Plaintiff's truck.
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15 3.5 The damage to Plaintiff's truck was very significant; the preliminary estimate
16 Plaintiff obtained was in excess of \$45,000.00. That estimate was obtained from a nearby
17 Kenworth dealer, where Plaintiff wanted his truck fixed. Plaintiff was advised the amount was
18 likely to be significantly higher as more damage was discovered during repairs.

19 3.6 Plaintiff contacted Swift, who in turn advised him to contact Mohave.

20 3.7 During Plaintiff's conversations with the agent at Mohave, he was advised that
21 the quote was "excessive" and Mohave thereafter had the truck towed to a nearby Freightliner
22 dealer, which happened to be a local "hub" for England.
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1 3.8 The repair quote from the local Freightliner dealership was significantly lower
2 than the one from Kenworth, and over Plaintiff's objections, repairs were authorized to
3 commence at Freightliner.

4 3.9 It took approximately 6 weeks to complete the initial repairs.

5 3.10 During this time, both Swift and Mohave advised Plaintiff that all repairs to his
6 truck must be "handled" through his insurer, Mohave, and not through England.

7 3.11 After picking up the truck, Plaintiff noticed almost immediately that there were
8 serious issues with the truck, all caused by the accident and supposedly repaired during the
9 initial repairs.

10 3.12 For several months, Plaintiff would find or observe serious problems with the
11 truck, all serious and some life-safety related. The truck was in and out of repair facilities
12 several times to correct those problems.

13 3.13 Initially, Mohave authorized the repairs and paid for them. After the second or
14 third such repair, Mohave refused to make the payments, which in turn were paid for by Swift,
15 but taken out of Plaintiff's pay check. Mohave claimed that those repairs were not related to
16 the accident. During this period, the truck was inoperable numerous times, and Plaintiff would
17 only find out the repair was not authorize after the repairs were started, putting Plaintiff in the
18 position of driving for Swift, but having most of his pay taken out of his check for the repairs
19 that Mohave refused to pay.

20 3.14 By March of 2018, it was clear to all parties that the damage to the truck was
21 not able to be reliably repaired and Mohave made the decision to "total" the truck.

3.17 On March 28, 2013 Defendant Swift sent Plaintiff a letter advising Plaintiff his relationship with Swift was terminated. Plaintiff was given no reason or explanation for the termination. On the same day, Defendant Interstate sent Plaintiff a letter terminating Plaintiff's installment sale contract for his truck.

First Cause of Action

4.2 Defendant England is responsible for the actions of its driver by reason of the doctrine of Respondeat Superior.

4.3 Defendants Swift, Mohave and Interstate have a contractual, common law and statutory obligation to deal with Plaintiff fairly, in good faith. Plaintiff has a tort claim against these defendants for violation of the obligation of good faith and fair dealing. Plaintiff also has

1 as violation of contract claim against Mohave for not appropriately adjusting his claim for
2 damages to his truck.

3 4.4 By acting in concert together to essentially force Plaintiff, if he wanted to drive
4 for Swift and purchase a new truck, to purchase his truck through Swift, finance it through
5 Interstate and insure through Mohave, the Defendants have tortuously violated the obligation
6 of good faith and fair dealing. They have put Plaintiff in a position, through no fault of his
7 own, where he has suffered losses which total over \$100,000. Their actions, acting in concert
8 together, have combined to violate statutory and common law duties of good faith, fair dealing
9 and violation of their fiduciary responsibilities owed to Plaintiff.
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11 Third Cause of Action

12 4.5 By terminating their contractual relationships with Plaintiff on the same day,
13 Swift and Interstate have breached their contract with Plaintiff.
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15 Fourth Cause of Action

16 4.6 Defendants Mohave and Swift have fiduciary relationships with Plaintiff by
17 reason of their encouraging Plaintiff to trust their working relationship. Plaintiff was advised
18 that the repairs should all be handled by Mohave, because Mohave was Plaintiff's insurance
19 company and would look after Plaintiff's interests and that Plaintiff need not bother making a
20 claim against England or its driver. Swift at all times both advised Plaintiff, he needed to deal
21 with Mohave, and also dealt with Mohave directly regarding the repairs. Plaintiff has a cause
22 of action against these defendants for breaching their fiduciary relationship with Plaintiff.
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24 Fifth Cause of Action

25 4.7 Defendant Mohave has violated the statutory requirement of dealing in good

1 faith found in RCW 40.01.30 and RCW 19.86.020.

2 V.
3 PLAINTIFF'S DAMAGES

4 5.1 By reason of the acts of the Defendants, Plaintiff has suffered damages as
5 follows:

- 6 a. Loss of approximately \$75,000 to \$80,000 equity value in his truck,
7 b. Cost of out of pocket repairs in the approximate value of \$20,000.00,
8 c. Loss of revenue for the period during which he was unable to operate his truck
9 and thereby make earnings, which includes both the initial and subsequent
10 breakdown periods in the approximate value of \$10,000.00, and
11 d. The cost of attorney fees which will be determined at trial.

12 WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays for relief as follows:

- 13 1. For judgment for the damages outlined above,
14 2. For costs and disbursement incurred in the pursuit of this matter,
15 3. For reasonable attorney fees as authorized by statute or contract, and
16 4. For such other relief as found equitable in this matter.
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18 Dated this 6th day of July, 2020.

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21 ANTONI H. FROEHLING, WSBA #8271
22 Attorney for Plaintiff
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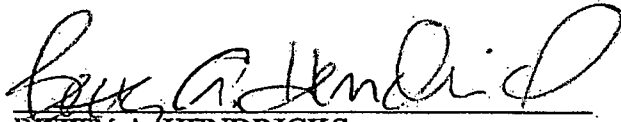
1 STATE OF WASHINGTON)

2 County of Pierce)
ss.

3 JEFFREY C. GERHMANN, being first duly sworn on oath, deposes and says: I am the
4 Plaintiff in the above matter, that I have read the foregoing document, know the contents
thereof and believe the same to be true.

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6 JEFFREY C. GERHMANN

7 SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 6th day of July, 2020.

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9 BETTY A. HENDRICKS
10 NOTARY PUBLIC in and for the State of
11 Washington residing at Sumner
12 My Commission Expires: 3/15/22
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SUMMONS

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Defendants.

TO THE DEFENDANTS:

A lawsuit has been started against you in the above-entitled court by the Plaintiff. Plaintiff's claim is stated in the written complaint, a copy of which is served on you with this Summons.

In order to defend against this lawsuit, you must respond to the complaint by stating your defense in writing, and serve a copy upon the person signing this summons within 20 days after the service of this summons, excluding the day of service, or a default judgment may be rendered against you without notice. A default judgment is one where Plaintiff is entitled to

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1 what he asks for because you have not responded. If this summons is served outside the State
2 of Washington you have 60 days within which to respond. If you serve a Notice of
3 Appearance on the undersigned person you are entitled to notice before a default judgment may
4 be rendered.

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6 You may demand that the Plaintiff file this lawsuit with the court. If you do so, the
7 demand must be in writing and must be served upon the person signing this summons. Within
8 14 days after you serve the demand, the Plaintiff must file this lawsuit with the court, or the
9 service on you of this summons and complaint will be void.

10 If you wish to seek the advice of an attorney in this matter, you should do so promptly
11 so that your written response, if any, may be served on time.

12 This Summons is issued pursuant to Rule 4 of the Superior Court Civil Rules of the
13 State of Washington.

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15 Dated this 6th day of July, 2020.

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18 ANTONI H. FROEHLING, WSBA #8271
19 Attorney for Plaintiff